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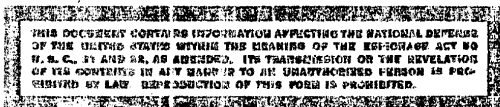
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Juschmeschtrans

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The following report contains three sections. Section I deals with the internal organizational pattern of Juschmeschtrans, and section II gives limited information on the forwarding agency Schenker & Co., one part of which is under direct Soviet control and supports Juschmeschtrans business activities.

I

1. The Viennese forwarding agency Transport- und Speditionskontor Juschmeschtrans, 8 Kolllebensgasse, Vienna IV, is an Austro-Soviet enterprise and is registered as such with the Austrian official Record of Commercial Firms. Austrian authorities, however, have no control of, or influence on Juschmeschtrans. This firm is in charge of the non-military forwarding business between Austria on one side and the USSR and her satellites on the other side. It handles both goods originating from Austria and transit goods going through Austria. East-bound goods of Western origin are in some cases imported to Austria by Western forwarding agencies or by the Austrian agency Schenker & Co. (see Section III of this report).
2. History of Juschmeschtrans. Juschmeschtrans was founded by the Soviet authorities in 1945. Their original intention was to establish this firm in Bucharest (Rumania), but eventually preference was given to Vienna because of the more advantageous geographical situation of this city. Moreover, the Russians had acquired the property of Schenker & Co., a world-renowned forwarding agency, in the Soviet sector of Vienna and the Soviet Zone of Austria, and therefore, hoped to be able to acquire at least a part of this firm's western clientele. Juschmeschtrans was originally only in charge of transporting goods needed by the Soviet Army, but later changed over to civilian forwarding business leaving military transports to the

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2. Soviet Oil Administration and other firms under U.S.S.R. administration.

3. Management of Juschnesschtrann. The first general manager of Juschnesschtrann, appointed in 1945, was Major (fnu) Perov.

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4. Organization of Juschnesschtrann. The firm is headed by the general manager Arkhipov under whose immediate authority are the following divisions:

- a. Commercial Management, headed by Otto Donetzhuber and Moritz Korner. Both of them have the right to sign the firm's outgoing correspondence. The commercial management has authority over the following departments and personnel:

- (1) Export Department, headed by Donetzhuber. This department employs:

- (a) four forwarders (Expedienten):
 (fnu) Josefovitsch, CP member
 (fnu) Hauser
 (fnu) Schubert
 Mrs. (fnu) Holatsch (or Hladch)
- (b) five dispatchers (Berleiter) who have to take over incoming freight and dispatch outgoing freight at railroad stations:
 Karl Payer
 (fnu) Cernovskiy
 (fnu) Fisinger
 (fnu) Neuber
 (fnu) Singer
- (c) seven typists:
 Mrs. (fnu) Samohel
 Mrs. (fnu) Hauser (wife of the above mentioned Hauser)
 Mrs. (fnu) Alexeva (probably Alexeyeva)
 Mrs. (fnu) Wewode
 Mrs. (fnu) Lelzer
 Mrs. (fnu) Cämer
 Mrs. (fnu) Schlicksbier

- (2) Import Department headed by Korner. This department employs:

- (a) four forwarders:
 Mrs. (fnu) Aschenbrenner (former Nazi)
 Mrs. (fnu) Némec (or Heretz, former Nazi)
 Mrs. (fnu) Haugebauer
 Mrs. (fnu) Steffel
- (b) three dispatchers:
 Josef Franz (former captain of the German army)
 (fnu) Kleibl
 (fnu) Mucha
- (c) four typists:
 (fnu) Warga (or Varga), CP member

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Mrs. (fnu) Weihs, CP member, cashier of the CP Enterprise Organization (Betriebsorganisation) at Juschneschtrans
 Mrs. (fnu) Becker, CP member
 Mrs. (fnu) Majos

- (3) Tariff Department headed by *(fnu) Remper, in charge of calculating freight tariffs. One employee: (fnu) Ernst, former Nazi.
 - (4) Two Customs clerks (Zolldoklaranten) who have to take care of customs clearances and to negotiate with Austrian customs authorities:
 (fnu) Millauer, CP member
 (fnu) Rudil, former Nazi
 - (5) Warehouse Vienna X-Inzelsiedorf (railroad freight station). Supervisor: (fnu) Lux. Number of personnel unknown, 3
 - (6) Warehouse Vienna X-Ostbahnhof (railroad freight station). Supervisor: (fnu) Kess, CP member. Number of personnel unknown.
 - (7) Warehouse Vienna II-Zwischenbrücken (Danube port). Supervisors:
 (fnu) B. A., former Nazi
 (fnu) Kubitz, CP member
 (fnu) Buchart
 Number of personnel unknown.
 - (8) Telephone operator for direct lines to railroad stations ("Rausch"):
 Karl Foser
- b. USSR Department, headed by *Wilhelm Karta. This department handles all matters which directly concern the USSR. It employs the following personnel:
- (1) Tariff clerks:
 (fnu) Urschütz, CP member
 - (2) Sever forwarders:
 *(fnu) Hauschil, Karta's deputy
 (fnu) Wagner Jr., son of chief accountant
 *(fnu) Anetzhof, forwarder for oil shipments
 Mrs. (fnu) Ostermayer, CP member
 Paul Moser, forwarder for mining timber
 (fnu) Fox
 *(fnu) Poskey (or Posgay)
 - (3) seven dispatchers:
 (fnu) Cervák, CP member
 (fnu) Fradešlý, CP member
 (fnu) Schwarz, CP member
 (fnu) Zapotocki (or Zápotocký), CP member
 (fnu) Struháček, CP member
 (fnu) Grenn
 Florian Moser, CP member
 - (4) secretary:
 Mrs. Lotte Lochner, CP member
 - (5) ten typists:
 Mrs. (fnu) Borg
 Mrs. (fnu) Pollak
 Mrs. (fnu) Greifeneder, CP member
 Miss (fnu) Ring (or Rink), CP member
 Mrs. (fnu) Schönwald
 Mrs. (fnu) Enter, CP member

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- g. Two Errand-boys:
(fmu) Steckl
Mrs. (fmu) Schneidewind, CP member
- h. Two Drivers, who operate the cars of the General Manager and the Financial Manager respectively:
*(fmu) Holsmann
*(fmu) Schmidt
5. Personnel. The permanent personnel amounted to almost 170 persons by the end of April 1953. As far as is known only the General Manager, the Financial Manager, and the chief of the garage are Soviet nationals. Since the spring of 1953 the practice has been established of hiring unemployed Austrians for short-time labor in cases of need, especially for labor in the Juschmeschtrans warehouses (loading and unloading of railroad cars and rivercraft, etc.). Richard Harn of the Payroll Section is in charge of hiring and paying such personnel.

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7. The international forwarding agency Schenker & Co. had, prior to World War II, an outstanding position in the Austrian forwarding business. After the annexion of Austria it was taken over by the Germans and in 1945 it was taken over by the Russians as "German property". The Russians' original intention was to replace this firm by Juschwneschtrans but soon they recognized that Juschwneschtrans would not be able to carry out certain transactions of a confidential nature by itself. The firm Schenker & Co. was therefore re-activated and has ever since been working for Juschwneschtrans and the Russians, misusing the confidence of the Western world in the name of Schenker. The Soviet-controlled Schenker & Co. - there is a second firm of this name which has no connections with the Soviets - is established on the second floor of the same house (8 Wohllebengasse, Vienna IV) where Juschwneschtrans is residing. Juschwneschtrans has a right to control the books of Schenker & Co.
8. The premises of Schenker & Co. located in the western occupation zones of Austria not being in the reach of Soviet occupation, have continued existing as an independent enterprise and have also established a branch office in Vienna (Hoher Markt, Vienna I). Schenker and Co. - West to some extent collaborate with Schenker & Co. - East inasmuch as they hope to regain their premises in the Soviet Zone as soon as Soviet occupation troops withdraw from Austria. This collaboration, of course, is largely exploited by the Russians.

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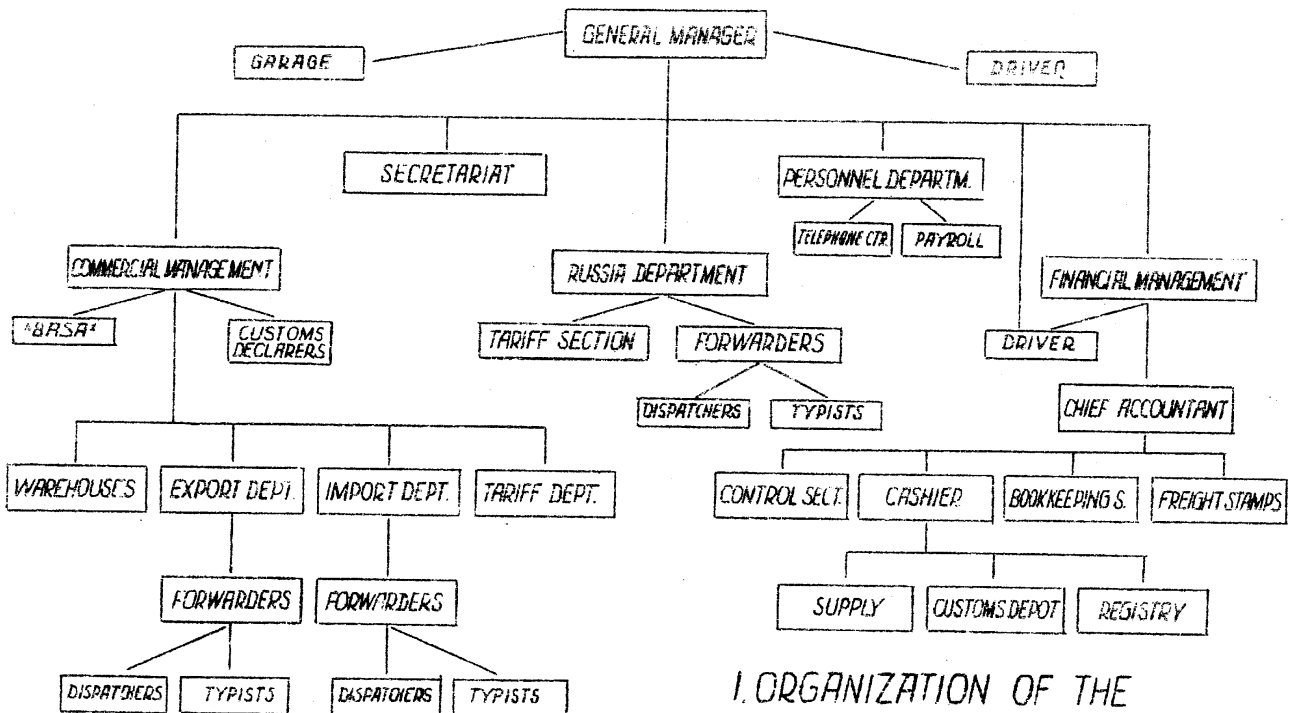
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3. Comment: The bulk of warehouse labor consists of persons hired for short-time work from case to case.

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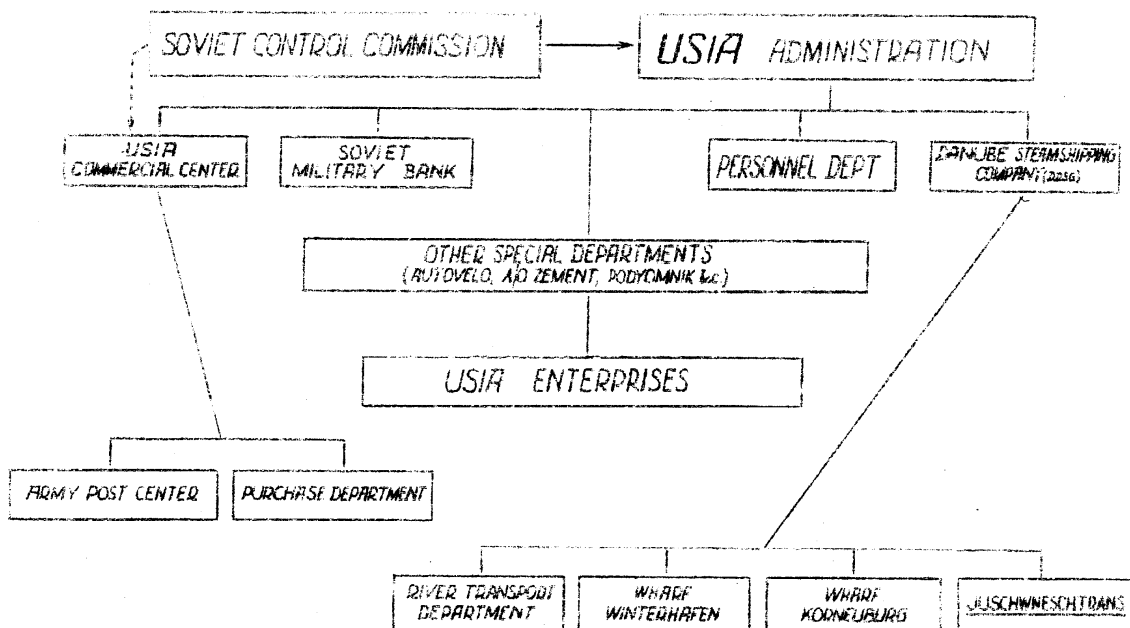


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